

**Directions: Participation in the NeSA-Writing Online Pilot Test  
2011**

1. All high schools are encouraged to have their 11<sup>th</sup> graders participate. Districts are asked to include all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, and not to sort and select certain students. This is requested to be sure the students taking the test are representative of all 11<sup>th</sup> graders in the state. No performance results are provided from this field test.
2. No application process is required as all Nebraska 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be loaded into the NeSA-W data base.
3. Districts must be sure that the following steps are taken:
  - The NeSA Software is downloaded on the computers used for writing. The new NeSA software for writing will be available **January 24, 2010. (Directions are posted with this notice.)\***

\*Note that the writing software includes a dictionary that was not in the old software.

- Schedule the computer time/lab/access to computers.
- Train the teachers in appropriate security measures and accommodations.
- Read the NeSA-W online Administrative Manual (posted on the website: [www.education.ne.gov](http://www.education.ne.gov))
- Provide opportunities for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students to interact with the practice test found on the NeSA software (available January 24, 2011).
- Familiarize students and teachers with the 11<sup>th</sup> grade analytic rubric. (**Rubric posted at [www.education.ne.us](http://www.education.ne.us)**)
- Familiarize students and teachers with printing options for the practice test and the pilot test. (**Directions are posted with this notice.**)